SENATE BILL No. 889

Introduced by Senator Ashburn

February 22, 2005

An act relating to public employees' retirement.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 889, as introduced, Ashburn. Public employees' retirement: smoothing of gains and losses.

The Public Employees' Retirement Law establishes the Public Employees' Retirement Fund, which is a trust fund for the benefits of members, retired members, and survivors and beneficiaries of members of the Public Employees' Retirement System.

This bill would declare the Legislature's intent to enact legislation making the contribution rates set pursuant to the Public Employees' Retirement Law more predictable by increasing the usage of smoothing techniques that meet accounting standards, including multiple-year averaging of market gains and losses and long-term amortization of financing unfunded liabilities.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation to make contribution rates set pursuant to the Public
- 3 Employees' Retirement Law more predictable by increasing the
- 4 usage of smoothing techniques that meet accounting standards,
- 5 including multiple-year averaging of market gains and losses and
- 6 long-term amortization of financing unfunded liabilities.

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